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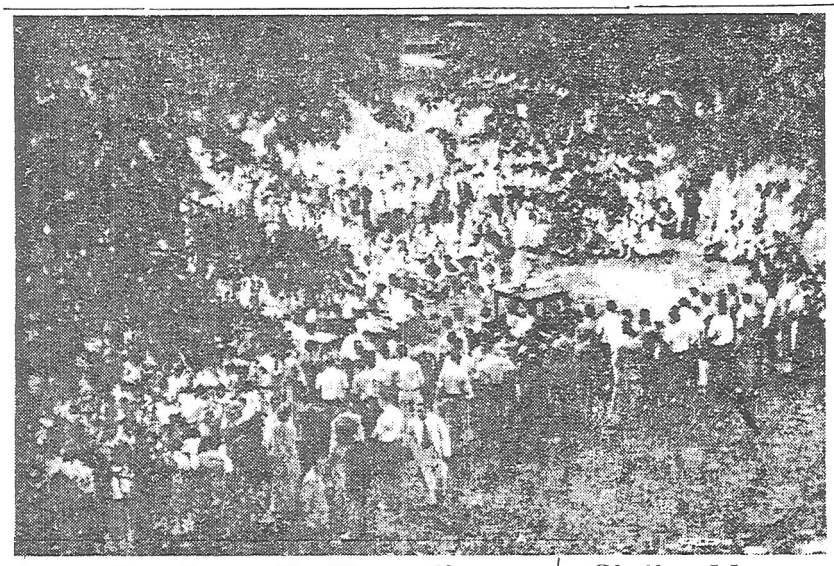

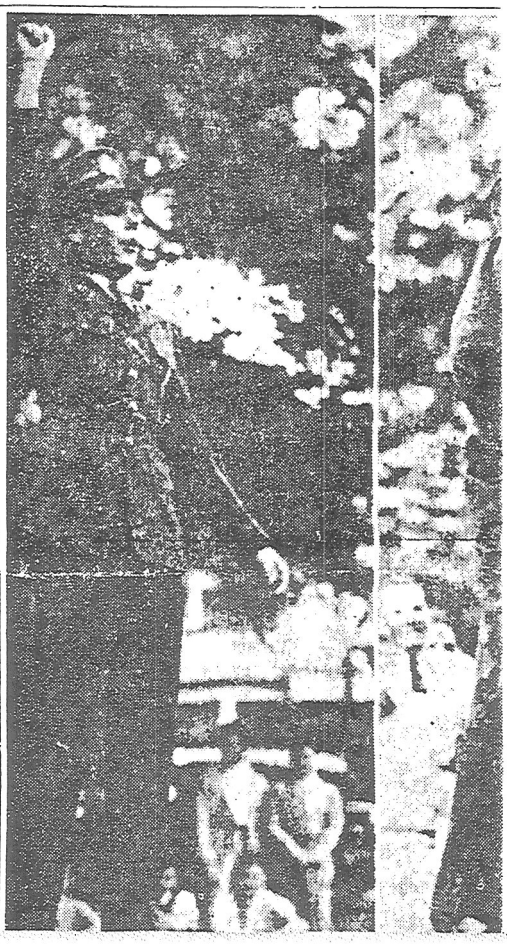

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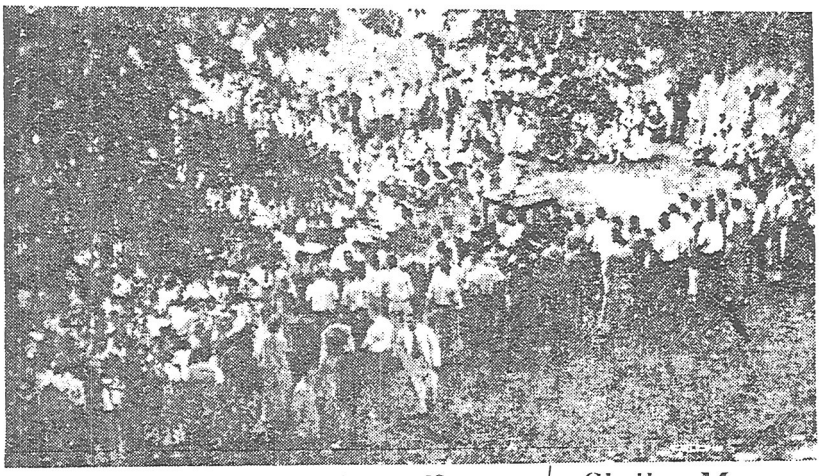

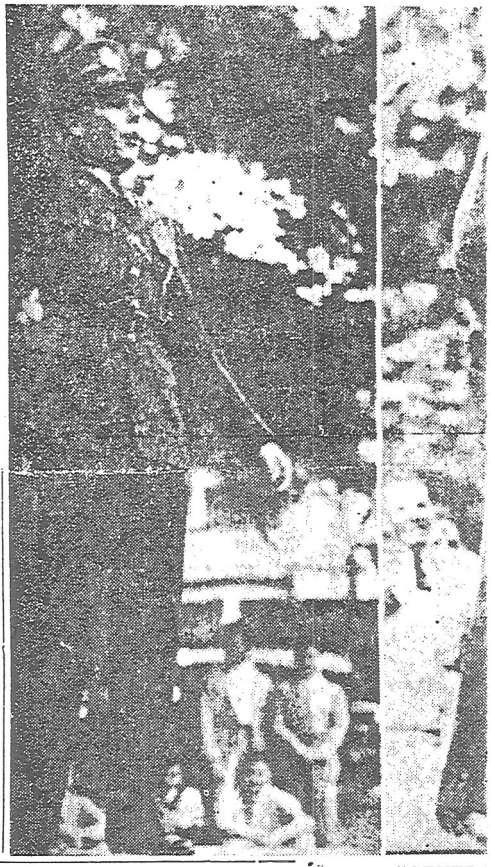

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Boggs, through his attorney, filed suit against Shirley G. Wimberly and WDSU for One Hundred Thousand ($100,000) Dollars, alleging the above quotations, which are taken in part from the brief of Boggs, quoting the above statements made by Wimberly. Each of the quotations are word for word as contained in Boggs' suit.

What did Boggs do about this suit? Docket No. 236448, which was filed Aug. 28, 1940 against Wimberly and WDSU? He did nothing about it and let it lie in the archives of the court for more than 10 years, and on July 6, 1951, Wimberly and WDSU came to court and the case was set aside as a non-suit at the plaintff's (Boggs) cost.

What kind of a man is it that will bring suit for ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($100,000) DOLLARS when his Honor, Patriotism and even Honesty is at stake and then let the case die by default? THIS IS WHAT BOGGS DID!

Certainly Boggs must not have a high sense of honor or he would have sought vindication in the courts, more especially since he had already brought suit. On the other hand, the writer knows the lawyer who filed the suit for Boggs, and if there had been a chance to collect damages of one hundred thousand dollars, or even part of it, he would have insisted on trying the case.

Now, I desire to tell the readers of the Federationist just what trouble I had to get a photostat of the suit against Boggs. For practically two months it was claimed the Index was lost and the Boggs suit could not be found. I had a young attorney look for the same, and it was only after receiving the docket No. from an outside source was I able to get copies of the suit.

Court records are public records; why should the index be lost? or how could the index be lost? Is it because someone wanted to cover up for Boggs? Could Boggs be sincere, when with great fanfare he brought his suit against Wimberly and WDSU and then let the case die. In discussing this with friends the thought was advanced that Wimberly did not have a hundred thousand dollars; but the suit was also against WDSU, and certainly they and the station's bondsmen have a hundred thousand dollars. On the other hand, we still have CRIMINAL LIBEL LAWS and Wimberly, if proven guilty, could have been jailed for Criminal Libel—but NO. NO. NO. BOGGS DID NOT, OR DARED NOT, GO TO TRIAL, WHY? We do not know the answer, but we do know the statements of Wimberly would be shocking in the extreme to even the most rabid of Boggs' supporters if he would go to the trouble and look up the speech at WDSU—and if not available GO TO THE CIVIL DISTRICT COURT AND READ DOCKET NO. 236448, BOGGS VS. SHIRLEY G. WIMBERLY & WDSU INC., and read on down until you read where Wimberly and WDSU came into court July 6, 1951, and the case was set aside because Boggs thought so little of his honor that he let the case be dismissed for NON-SUIT and then Boggs had to pay the cost of the suit.

When Miss Lucille May Grace brought suit against Boggs, it brought back to memory something vague about Boggs, and I started to dig, until I have dug up a mass of stuff that does not reflect to the credit of Boggs.

If you, Mr. American Citizen, want to take chances with a man who goes to court with apparent hurt dignity and pride—while he is running for office—and then lets the whole case go by default—then you should vote for Boggs. But if you believe that a man should not be elected who for some reason or other (YOUR CONCLUSION IS AS GOOD AS MINE), lets a case as important as this die by default, if there is doubt in your mind—then you will do a disservice to yourself, your family, your city, state and nation if you vote for Boggs.

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